

SAFELY HOME, FAMILIES FIRST

Regional Service Council Minutes

Region #16 Meeting

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Haub's Steak Haus, Haubstadt, Indiana

Meeting Chair: Acting Regional Manager Susan Lesko

Meeting Secretary: Trina Russell

Call to Order: Start Time 5:00 p.m. CST

Roll Call: Quorum – 10 of 13 Voting Members Present

Voting Members Present

Susan Lesko
Melanie Flory
Susan Blackburn
Judge Robert Aylsworth
Judge Joseph Verkamp
Shirley Starks
Suzanne Draper
Dan Miller
Libby Treado
Stephanie Hunt

Phone Present Absent with Regret

Absent

Judge Brett Niemeier
Michael Summers
Rachelle Froeschke

Others in Attendance

Micci Frye
Natalie Kassenbrock
Michael Singleton
Dr. Donna Culley
Steve Adams
Sidney Hardgrave
Denise Schultz
Kathryn Zelle
Ramona Wilzbacher
Trina Russell
Mike Jones
Jan Dotson
Samantha Freeman
Rick Carlson
Norm Smith
Jeff Gray

Welcome

Acting Regional Manager Susan Lesko from Region 17 welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions were made, and sign-in sheets were distributed.

Approval of minutes from last meeting on December 12, 2013:

As read _____

As corrected __X__

Minutes of the December 12, 2013 RSC meeting had previously been e-mailed. Suzanne Draper made motion to approve the Minutes after one correction to change the meeting date from 12/12/14 to 12/12/13. Melanie Flory seconded that motion. Minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting were approved by unanimous vote of the 10 voting members present.

Program/Committee Reports

Community Partners Report – Natalie Kassenbrock – Natalie stated the reports continue to be posted to the website and are available through that means. June 30th marks the end of their fiscal year. It was reported they are running slightly over budget, but are keeping track of this situation by monitoring the hours of service per family.

Region 16 Practice Indicators – Melanie Flory – Reports are a “work in progress”. There is one new area, CANS Compliance, which is now being tracked. It was reported that there is 98% to 100% compliance across the Region. Thus, this shows that CANS is something that Region 16 is already doing and doing well. With regard to visits between FCM and child (of which we are required to complete once monthly), there is a 95% to 100% overall compliance. Indicators show that there has been an overall decrease in the length of stay in care – meaning that, as a region, we are getting children home sooner.

Practice Update -- Trina Russell – A new process for the tracking of facilitator training is being developed. This process, once developed, will be shared with the council.

Regional Foster Care – Sam Freeman – Currently, there are seven workers distributed throughout six counties (within the region). There are two relative workers – of which the role and job duties were explained. The position of the relative worker is approaching its one year anniversary. SAFE was discussed as being a process that is to start in August. This is a new home study process which, when implemented, should result in more in-depth reports. In closing, it was announced that there is a foster parent meet and greet event planned for 5/13/14 at the Olivet Church in Vanderburgh County.

OSR/QAR Update— Shirley Starks — This process was explained as being an organized way for us to look at how we are doing our work (internal DCS review). DCS staff volunteers their time to complete this review process. All DCS management is trained or is in the process of being trained. This region’s next review is scheduled for December 2014. It was explained that DCS wants feedback from RSC members, service providers, the community, etc., as it helps us get better at what we do.

Permanency Round Tables – Susan Blackburn – This was explained as an internal case review process. Within the Region, four children are reviewed every other month. There were some recent stats received that showed increased positive outcomes across the State for children who are staffed at

PRT. This is likely due to the fact that PRT looks for “out of the box” ideas to move permanency along.

Budget Report -- Steve Adams – Copies of the budget were made available to members during the meeting. At this time, the Region is operating at 2% over allocation. Although mentionable, this is not overly concerning when looking at the budget Statewide. Depending on what the next three months bring, the budget may, or may not, end up over allocation for the fiscal year. It was also announced that the position of Regional Finance Manager left vacant by John Schroder’s retirement has been filled. Keith Patterson will assume this role and the associated duties on 5/19/14.

Unfinished Business

Judges’ Updates — Judge Robert Aylsworth -- This legislative session has not produced much to report out on. Come July 1st, significant changes regarding felony classes and sentencing will go into effect. There is a consolidation period as to paternity. There are administrative differences done through DCS (not necessarily through legislation).

New Business

New Director Voting Member

Shirley Starks, Vanderburgh County Local Office Director, was nominated for the open Director voting member slot left vacant by Jan Dotson’s resignation. Suzanne Draper made motion to approve this nomination. There was a second to this motion and the motion was passed by unanimous vote of the ten voting members present.

Services – Susan Lesko reported there is a new provider for D & E Services for this region which must be voted on. There was a request for the provider to attend the next meeting to explain services which will be provided. Motion was made by Susan Blackburn to approve these services and seconded by Shirley Starks. This motion was unanimously approved by the ten voting members present.

Miscellaneous

Donna Culley announced the FACES Family Fun event scheduled for 5/3/14.

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Pinwheels for Prevention Events:

Vanderburgh County – Sam Freeman reported out
Knox County – Melanie Flory reported out
Warrick County – Trina Russell reported out
Gibson County – Jan Dotson reported out

Public Testimony/Announcements

None.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: Motion was made by Suzanne Draper, seconded by Shirley Starks, to adjourn the meeting. RSC will meet on July 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time at Haub’s Steak House, Haubstadt, IN.

Signatures:

Secretary _____

Chair _____

Date _____

Date _____

Approved: _____ (Secretary's initials) Date: _____

Regional Service Council Region 16 Motion Chart
Date: April 24, 2014
Chair: Acting Regional Manager Susan Lesko

Motion	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible
1. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2013 meeting.	Change date from 12/12/14 to 12/12/13.	Adopted – Approved by 10 voting members	Motion by Suzanne Draper to Approve Seconded by Melanie Flory All voting members present approved.
2. Motion to approve Shirley Starks as new RSC Director Voting Member	None	Adopted – Approved by 10 voting members	Motion by Suzanne Draper Seconded by ? All voting members present approved.
3. Motion to approve D & E Services through Associates in Counseling & Psychotherapy for Region 16	Provider requested to attend future meeting to explain services which will be provided.	Adopted – Approved by 10 voting members	Motion by Susan Blackburn Seconded by Shirley Starks All voting members present approved.
4. Motion to adjourn the meeting	None	Adopted – Approved by 10 voting members present	Motion by Suzanne Draper Seconded by Shirley Starks All voting members present approved.

Vote count must be recorded in the minutes.